

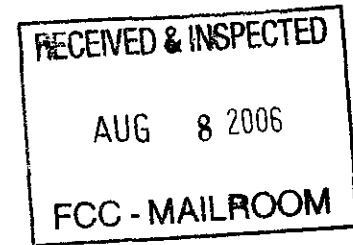
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Stay Focused

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July 27, 2006

Federal Communications Commission
Attn: Secretary's Office
Closed Caption
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554



RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION'S CLOSED CAPTIONING RULES

Stay Focused Ministries is a fast growing, non-denominational community-based ministry serving Bakersfield and Kern County in California. The ministry established a half hour long local outreach program that is to be broadcasted on a local network television station.

Please accept this petition for exemption from Section 79.1 of the Commission's rules, implementing Section 713 of the Communications Act of 1934. The rules may prevent the airing of the "Stay Focused Ministries" program due to the overwhelming expense it would take to comply with these rules. Our program qualifies for exemption for the following reasons:

Part 79.1 – Section (D)

"Stay Focused Ministries" program is a locally produced and distributed non-news program with no repeat value. The program is of local public interest, is not a news program, and the technique of captioning is unavailable. The program is an outreach format, distributed locally, and is unscripted. It is of local interest and of public benefit due to the nature of outreach provided and aired. Stay Focused Ministries is completely outreach oriented providing intervention and prevention to high risk youth. Stay Focused Ministries serves the community by outreach events, neighborhood sidewalk Sundays daily during the summer. This ministry is operated by private donations, staff and volunteers. Stay Focused also operates a mentoring program in local schools serving over one hundred children currently with a one on one mentoring relationship and growing in number as we recruit adult volunteers.

Part 79.1 – Section (F)


Stay Focused Ministries will be imposed with undue burden if it has to comply for the following reasons:

1. In order to make all programs closed caption we would have to outsource the production. Post-production would cost the ministry approximately \$3,120 a year at \$260 per 30-minute show for 12 programs at the current production rate. In order to increase the viewing audience and greater benefit the community, Stay Focused Ministries would like to increase its production and airing of its programming to the KGET network.
2. Stay Focused Ministries is produced by volunteers and one part time employee using minimal editing equipment. We will pay the local station \$1,000 to air each show. We provide a phone number to allow call in for referral help and assistance.
3. Due to the current budget allotted for the program production and airing, Stay Focused Ministries and the population served would benefit from eliminating the need for the additional costs associated with outsourcing closed captioning feature to our programming. During our research we did not find a company willing to discount the cost of closed captioning for us.

Stay Focused Ministries does not have funds available to purchase the equipment necessary to produce the *closed captioning on our programming.*

We respectfully request that Stay Focused Ministry be exempted from the closed captioning requirement for the aforementioned reasons. Should you have any questions or concerns please call me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

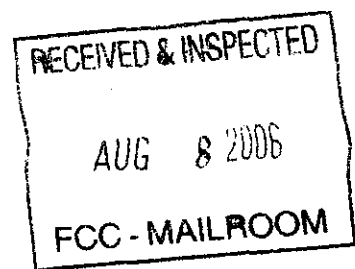
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manuel Carrizalez Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Manuel Carrizalez Jr.

Founder / President

Stay Focused Ministries, & Reach4Greatness, Inc.

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Please accept the following additional requested information for the petition for exemption from 79.1 of the Commission's rules, implementing Section 713 of the Commission Act of 1934.

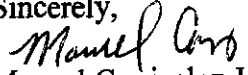
Financial Resources & Assets

Attached you will find an affidavit of Profit & Loss and costs associated with the "Stay Focused Ministries" program.

Alternatives to Captioning

1. As an alternative we may be able to video a person doing sign language and place him/her on the bottom of the television screen.
2. We can also increase our usage of the lower-thirds by outlining the message that the Minister is giving.
3. There is a possibility of using PowerPoint to display visual of what is going on.
4. We can use a scroll at the bottom of the screen showing the words spoken.

Please let me know if you need any further information. You may contact me by phone at (661) 831-5337 or email manuel@stayfocused.org.

Sincerely,

Manuel Carrizalez Jr.
Chief Executive Officer
Stay Focused Ministries

Stay Focused Ministries
Profit & Loss
January through June 2006

	Jan - Jun 06
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · INCOME	
4004 · Contributions Unrestricted	58,375.00
Total 4000 · INCOME	58,375.00
4500 · Other Income	
4010 · Sale of Asset	2,500.00
Total 4500 · Other income	2,500.00
4501 · Interest Income	77.14
Total Income	60,952.14
Expense	
5900.00 · SALARIES, WAGES & BENEFITS	
5910.00 · Personnel Costs	
6200.01 · Salary-Program Director	35,800.00
Total 5910.00 · Personnel Costs	35,800.00
6560 · Fringe Benefits	
6563 · Fringe Benefits - Other (W/C)	364.55
6565 · Fringe Benefits-Bonuses/Other	1,128.52
Total 6560 · Fringe Benefits	1,493.07
Total 5900.00 · SALARIES, WAGES & BENEFITS	37,293.07
6308 · Travel & Lodging	
6308.01 · T&L-Lodging	322.34
6308.02 · T&L-Fuel	482.02
6308.03 · T&L-Meals/Entertainment	75.60
6308.05 · T&L-Airfare	427.00
6308.06 · T&L-Vehicle Rent/Lease	603.89
6308.08 · Other Travel Expense	
6306.01 · Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	1,634.44
6306.02 · Vehicle Fuel	455.05
6306.03 · Vehicle Rent/Lease	236.11
Total 6308.08 · Other Travel Expense	2,325.60
6308.1 · Travel & Lodging - Per Diem	
6308.12 · T&L-Per Diem-Fuel/Mileage	119.07
Total 6308.1 · Travel & Lodging - Per Diem	119.07
Total 6308 · Travel & Lodging	4,355.52
6309.00 · Equipment Expense	
7000 · Transfer to Fixed Assets	752.40
6309.00 · Equipment Expense - Other	768.92
Total 6309.00 · Equipment Expense	1,521.32
6309.20 · Contractual	
6340 · Professional Fees	1,556.25
Total 6309.20 · Contractual	1,556.25
6310.00 · Supplies	
6309.10 · Program Curriculum/Developmnt	
6305 · Educational Materials	20.37
6309.11 · Program Meetings	369.27
Total 6309.10 · Program Curriculum/Developmnt	389.64
6312 · Office Supplies	100.45
Total 6310.00 · Supplies	490.09

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Accrual Basis

Stay Focused Ministries
Profit & Loss
January through June 2006

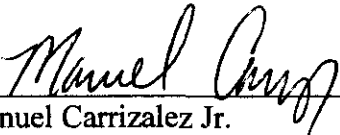
	Jan - Jun 06
6310.01 · Other	
6309.30 · OTHER GENERAL & ADMIN COSTS	
6301 · Facility Rent Lease	0.00
6301.01 · Rent/Lease/Other	440.39
6303.0 · Advertising/Promotion	390.00
6304 · Communication Expense	753.92
6307 · Liability Insurance	309.68
6311.01 · Repairs & Maintenance	247.12
6321 · Contributions	9,600.00
6321.01 · Benvelonce	1,150.00
6323 · Meals/Entertainment	29.45
6713 · Dues & Subscriptions	368.34
6901 · Uncatagorized Expenses	58.92
6903 · Interest Expense	177.06
6904 · Bank Charges	68.50
Total 6309.30 · OTHER GENERAL & ADMIN COSTS	13,593.38
6703.10 · Public Outreach-Rallies	
6703.13 · Rally-Music Entertainment	5,150.00
6703.14 · Rally - General Labor	400.00
6703.16 · Rally-Advertising/Promotion	4,398.46
6703.18 · Rally-Other Costs	9,859.50
6703.19 · Rally-Vehicle Rent/Lease	1,913.72
6703.20 · Rally-Facility Costs	273.80
Total 6703.10 · Public Outreach-Rallies	21,995.48
Total 6310.01 · Other	35,588.86
6999 · Uncategorized Expenses	83.75
Total Expense	80,888.86
Net Ordinary Income	-19,936.72
Net Income	-19,936.72

AFFIDAVIT

I, Manuel Carrizalez Jr., Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Stay Focused Ministries, by my signature affixed to this document, do hereby make the following statement of fact affirm:

All of the documents that I have submitted to the FCC for the petition (File No. CGB-CC-0137) is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I now affix my signature to these affirmations:



Manuel Carrizalez Jr.
Stay Focused Ministries
Chief Executive Officer

CALIFORNIA JURAT WITH AFFIANT STATEMENT

State of California

County of

Kern

} ss.

- ☐ See Attached Document (Notary to cross out lines 1-6 below)
☐ See Statement Below (Lines 1-5 to be completed only by document signer[s], *not* Notary)

Signature of Document Signer No. 1

Signature of Document Signer No. 2 (if any)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this

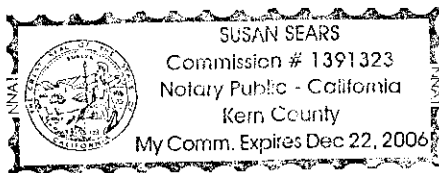
3rd day of August, 2006, by
Date Month Year

(1) Manuel Carrizalez
Name of Signer

- ☒ Personally known to me
☐ Proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence
to be the person who appeared before me (.) (.)
(and

(2) _____
Name of Signer

- ☐ Personally known to me
☐ Proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence
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Place Notary Seal Above

OPTIONAL

Though the information below is not required by law, it may prove valuable to persons relying on the document and could prevent fraudulent removal and reattachment of this form to another document.

Further Description of Any Attached Document

Title or Type of Document: Affidavit

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Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: None

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